

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

LESTER DOUGLAS,

Plaintiff

vs.

EXCEL HOUSING AND
DEVELOPMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:14-cv-407

Barrett, J.
Litkovitz, M.J.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
TO DENY MOTION TO PROCEED ON
APPEAL *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (Doc. 10).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), "[a]n appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." *See also* Fed. R. App. P. 24(a). Good faith in this context is demonstrated when the party seeks appellate review of an issue that is not frivolous. *See Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1962). An appeal is frivolous where the appeal lacks an arguable basis either in law or fact. *Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989).

On May 20, 2014, the undersigned issued a Report and Recommendation that plaintiff's complaint be dismissed for lack of federal jurisdiction, as barred by the applicable two-year statute of limitations, and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. (Doc. 4). The undersigned also recommended that the District Judge certify that any *in forma pauperis* appeal from any Order adopting the Report and Recommendation would be frivolous and not taken in good faith within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). (Doc. 4). The District Judge

in this matter has not yet ruled on the Report and Recommendation. Therefore, plaintiff's appeal is premature. Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal (Doc. 10) should be **DENIED**.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal (Doc. 10) be **DENIED**.
2. Plaintiff be advised of the following:

Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(4), plaintiff may file, within thirty (30) days after service of this Order, a motion with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for leave to proceed as a pauper on appeal. *Callihan v. Schneider*, 178 F.3d 800, 803 (6th Cir. 1999), *overruling in part Floyd v. United States Postal Service*, 105 F.3d 274 (6th Cir. 1997). Plaintiff's motion must include a copy of the affidavit filed in the District Court and this Court's statement as to the reasons for denying pauper status on appeal. *Id.*; *see* Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(5).

Plaintiff is notified that if he does not file a motion within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the District Court's decision as required by Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(5), or fails to pay the required filing fee of \$455.00 within this same time period, the appeal will be dismissed for want of prosecution. *Callihan*, 178 F.3d at 804. Once dismissed for want of prosecution, the appeal will not be reinstated, even if the filing fee or motion for pauper status is subsequently tendered, unless plaintiff can demonstrate that he did not receive notice of the District Court's decision within the time period prescribed for by Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(5). *Id.*

Date: 10/14/14



Karen L. Litkovitz, Magistrate Judge
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